

Parking

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cut down on the amount of parking spaces.

Wright says the color coding seems to work, but that the next school project should be to reorganize the street parking behind the Communications Building. Instead of people parking parallel, it would be a big help to have them redo the street for diagonal parking.

Dr. James Dervin, a member of the English faculty, is a member of the Traffic Appeals Committee. He says the division of the different parking zones was miscalculated. Dervin says the red zone behind the Hall-Patterson Building is hardly ever full. Often there are people parking in this area who either have the wrong color parking decal or those who don't have a parking decal at all.

William Cain, chairman of the Traffic Appeals Committee, says the decals do not entitle anyone to a parking space, but instead enable you to park on campus. Cain says the parking situation on the campus is a lot better than you will find on other college campuses. There are spaces available, but they are nowhere people want to park.

Cain says: "If you have been ticketed unjustly, there are parking violation appeals forms available in the Counseling Center. These forms must be completed within 10 days of receiving a citation and the fine must be paid before appealing your case."

In closing, Cain suggested that if we abide by these rules, then we won't have a parking situation.

How does James Lewis, who's in charge of parking, feel about these situations?

Lewis feels there isn't a parking problem; instead, there are enough spaces to park if people are willing to walk. He says there are unused spaces behind the tennis courts and beside the F.A. Atkins Nursing Building.

According to Lewis, until people park in the correct color codes, cars will continue to be towed or shackled.

So if you're in need of parking spaces on campus and have driven around for 20 minutes looking for a space, try parking your car in the unpopular spots -- it will take longer to get to wherever you want to go, but there won't be a wheel-lock on your car when you return.

Security

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Q. Last year, security checked the identification of each person driving a car coming onto campus. Why isn't this practice being continued?

A. First, because traffic is not as heavy this year and second, if it's cold and raining at night, my officer gets cold and sick, then he is out for a week or two.

Q. One night earlier this semester, some people were riding around campus screaming, "Wake-up!" They rode by security office about three times, where was security? Why didn't they stop these people?

A. They probably didn't hear him. If they are in the office, they can't hear, and if they are on patrol in their cars with the windows rolled up, they can't hear. For example, if someone is breaking into your car and security stops and ask that person is that your car, then naturally, they will say yes. Overall, if someone is riding around screaming, and they see security, then they will stop.

Q. Why does it take security so long to respond to a call?

A. It depends on the situation. Others could be responding to other calls so, when someone else calls, we can't leave the person we are helping to respond to another call. With our new radios, we can respond within five minutes. Overall, it depends on the situation, and it should be noted that security has 3-4 officers working during the day.

Q. What is Security's phone number?

A. 750-2900. After 5 p.m., we are on call forwarding. Callers must give us time to answer if they call after 5 p.m. The phone will ring four times and then it switches to us. Approximately seven rings should occur before callers should hang up and give up on security.

Q. Students like to get together after hours to have fun. On several nights, around 11 p.m., they have been behind Atkins Hall playing freeze tag, and security has made them stop. Is there a problem with them playing there at that time of night?

A. The students must respect the other students who may be trying to sleep or study, and it all depends what time of night it is. If students want to play games before hours, then they should go to the football field, but after hours, no, they should not play this game at that location.

Overall, the Security office feels that they can't satisfy everyone's wants all of the time, but if WSSU students, faculty and staff work together by adhering to the parking rules and regulations, and to other campus regulations, WSSU's campus community will continue to become a better place for everyone.

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